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Location: Crosses Jefferson County 71, Linn Crossing,  
Jefferson County, Alabama.

Date of  
Construction: 1880s

Description: Approximately 15 to 20 frame residences remain  
today, along with the wooden trestle bridge that  
still carries coal trains from the nearby Jim  
Walter Nebo and Chetopa mines over the former  
Southern Railway tracks.

Project  
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HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

In the 1890s, only seven families lived between Linn Crossing and  
Adamsville. Settlement at the crossing dates to 1880, when the  
Linn family cemetery was established on a high knoll near the  
crossing. Adjacent to the cemetery the white frame Antioch Baptist  
Church, the religious and social hub of the community, now stands.  
By 1887, the Georgia Pacific (later Southern) Railroad extended  
through the Linn farmlands and people came from miles around to  
board trains bound for Birmingham and Atlanta. In 1903, the L. &  
N. extended the Cane Creek Branch of the Birmingham Mineral  
Railroad to Banner, further opening the area to mining. The two  
railroads crossed at this small community that had grown to 15 or  
20 frame structures.

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